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SANTO DOMINGO FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY VAKY

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PCAT, MX, VE  
SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICAN CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS

REF: RIO DE JANEIRO 3604

1. ON AUGUST 14, CHARGE CALLED ON FONOFF VICE MINISTER GOMEZ MANTELLINI AND INFORMED HIM THAT SINCE GONZALEZ GALVEZ TOLD CLAPP AND JONES IN RIO THAT HE HAD ALREADY PROVIDED COPY OF MEXICAN PROPOSALS TO NAVA CARRILLO AT THE AIRPORT IN CARACAS, AND INFORMED HIM OF THE INVITATION TO CUBA, WE NOW PRESUMED THAT NAVA HAD HAD TIME TO BRIEF FONMIN CONSALVI. GOMEZ INDICATED THAT THIS WAS THE CASE.

2. CHARGE THEN BRIEFED GOMEZ ALONG LINES OF PARA 10 OF REFTTEL AND CONCLUDED WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT THE GOV SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO MEXICO WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE AUGUST 21 MEETING TO CONSULT WITH THE GOM IN THE INTEREST OF COORDINATING THEIR APPROACH TOWARD THE COMMON  
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OBJECTIVE. GOMEZ AGREED, AND SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT NAVA (WHO WILL REPRESENT THE GOV AT THE AUGUST 21 MEETING IN ANY CASE) PROCEED TO MEXICO A FEW DAYS IN ADVANCE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

3. IN CONCLUDING, GOMEZ REMARKED THAT GOV STILL CONSIDERS INVITATION TO CUBA AS IMPRUDENT STEP ON MEXICO'S PART

AND AS INCONSISTENT WITH THE OAS CONTEXT IN WHICH THE INITIATIVE WAS DEVELOPING UNTIL NOW. HE THOUGHT THAT DESPITE MEXICAN PROTESTATIONS TO THE CONTRARY, CUBAN PARTICIPATION MAY CAUSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS. HE ALSO SPECULATED THAT MEXICANS AND SOVIETS MAY HAVE REACHED SOME KIND OF PRIVATE UNDERSTANDING AS INDICATED BY SOVIET SUGGESTION THAT NEXT ROUND OF CAT TAKE PLACE IN MEXICO.

4. COMMENT: CHARGE HAS APPOINTMENT WITH FONMIN CONSALVI FOR THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 17 WHICH (IF IT HOLDS) SHOULD BE USEFUL TO REVIEW HOW GOV'S THINKING IS EVOLVING.  
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